

## DRY FARMING IS THE MAINSTAY OF VEGAS

INSTANCES OF INCREASE IN VALUES OF LAND.

Judge Long Gives Optic Readers Benefit of Observations and Conversations on His Travels.

Special correspondence.

Raton, N. M., April 5.—History tells us that a certain young urchin in the early days of the old dominion in an emergency growing out of the reckless use of a certain sharp hatchet, declared, "I cannot tell a lie!"

It is also said at a later period when the last democratic president, at the time of his first candidacy, was in a very uncomfortable predicament as the result of a disquieting rumor floating about the country, was asked by a popular divine what to say about the story, Grover's reply was "tell the truth."

Following these illustrious examples, I am going to tell you the truth about conditions that have come under my observation within a month past. It has occurred that I have been in three prominent places: Santa Fe, Clayton and Raton, each of which, two or three years ago, was busy, prospering and progressing.

How is it today? Dull, very dull. Upon the most reliable information, it is safe to say so. It is at Albuquerque, and most of the New Mexico towns and cities.

The great chunks of prosperity that vivid imaginations saw floating in the skies, just awaiting a favorable opportunity to descend upon us, are yet hovering in the distance, declining our invitation to light upon us.

Those of Las Vegas who have been moping about, complaining with loud and frequent voice of dull conditions in the Meadow city may console themselves with the fact that Las Vegas has no monopoly on dull times. There are others.

"Misery loves company." In the misery incident to a reduction of all business activity and enterprise, we have plenty of company. It is at least encouraging to know that our dull conditions are not local. They are general, and probably the reaction of unnatural and undue activity. In due time, business will revive, better conditions will appear and when the exaltation of good times come again, we will forget the hard times past.

I always make it a point to seek reliable information about dry farming, for out of the mouths of a multitude of witnesses, the truth may be established.

It would seem now that our farmlands are the greatest asset in our favor for the future; therefore, we should do all that is possible within truth and reason to encourage people to cultivate them.

Information derived from continuous and studious inquiry strengthens my belief in the success of farming efforts about Las Vegas. To give all the statements made in answer to extensive inquiry, would be too tedious, so I will mention two instances only.

Meeting Mr. Chase, of the Cimarron country, we drifted into the question of farming. He made this statement:

"When I was a boy, my father bought four sections of land on the Paladuro, in the Panhandle Texas country, as a headquarters for a sheep

ranch. I was there often and personally know the country well. No one believed farming would succeed. He did not raise anything. Everything was hauled in wagons from the railroad at Liberal, Kan., to which point stuff was shipped in. It was a dry country and no one believed it could be farmed. The few efforts made were failures. My father finally quit the sheep business and sold the four sections for \$1,500, a big price. Some time afterward the ranch was sold at \$2,000.

"Last season, for the first time in many years, I visited the old ranch and was greatly surprised. I learned that the year before \$600 worth of alfalfa seed had been sold off this land, and I found a big house, good barn, and splendid growing crops on the old sheep ranch, and good farms and crops all over the country."

He further stated the owner of the ranch had recently been offered \$50,000 for it.

Last Monday I had a talk with Matt Spencer, who lives five miles from Raton. He has a tract of land, a part of which is under irrigation. The remainder he tills by dry farming methods.

He said: "The dry lands will be better than that which is irrigated. I have tried both. I have been farming my land for about eight years. If the dry land is properly farmed, after it once is put in good condition, there will not be many failures. We do not need as much water as we think we do. More cultivation and less water is what the country needs. The country is too high for corn, but oats, wheat and barley all will do well. All of these should be cultivated until they are over a foot high and that will insure good crops. I bought a weeder of Montgomery & Ward for \$9. After a rain and before the crust gets dry, I put my boys into the grain and run over it with this weeder. It breaks the crust and stops evaporation, and good crops are sure. Using this implement takes but a little time and it keeps the ground moist and in good condition.

"I also use a 14-tooth harrow for a pulverizer. If our farmers will plant deep and then pulverize the ground and use the weeder, they will grow good crops. First get the ground in good mellow condition for a seed bed and then after the rains, stir the ground and the crop will come."

Mr. Spencer is a plain, practical, real farmer. His ranch can be seen south of Raton from the Santa Fe tracks.

I mention these two instances out of many I could name as a matter of encouragement to those who are trying to build up the country by these new methods of farming.

The future of Las Vegas depends largely upon the efforts now being made along these lines, and every citizen owes it to his home town to disseminate information and to encourage our farmers in their work.

The things in agriculture that have been done under like conditions elsewhere, may be done on the mesa, but to succeed, correct methods must be learned and followed. Systems which succeed when the rainfall is greater and better distributed, may not win out under conditions such as we have in New Mexico.

When it is remembered that the Panhandle country of Texas, only a few years ago was a barren waste, and that now thousands of farmers are succeeding there, it should be an inducement for us all to make a thorough study of newer systems and for each one to give his neighbor the benefit of his investigation.

E. V. LONG.

## WELLS-FARGO PEOPLE MAY RUN EXPRESS TRAIN ON SANTA FE

It is probable that, in a short time, a regular express train, carrying only Wells-Fargo cars, will be put in service on the Santa Fe, running from

## Rheumatism

More than nine out of every ten cases of rheumatism are simply rheumatism of the muscles, due to cold or damp, or chronic rheumatism. In such cases no internal treatment is required. The free application of

## Chamberlain's Liniment

is all that is needed and it is certain to give quick relief. Give it a trial and see for yourself how quickly it relieves the pain and soreness. Price 25c; large size, 50c.

Chicago to Pacific coast points. There has been such a growth in the express business in the past few years and it is still growing to such an extent that it may be necessary to do this rather than to handle the express business as it is handled at this time.

The growth of the express business on the Santa Fe comes because of the fact that so much fruit is handled over this system. The California business, the Grand Junction fruit trade, the Rocky Ford cantaloupes and the Sacramento asparagus take lots of cars and engines to properly handle. And this fruit business is growing all the time. East bound trains, No. 2 and No. 8, have a big express business and it would be a good plan to run an express section on one of these trains, during the fruit season, as is sometimes done.

### RAILROAD NOTES—

W. S. Clark, the Santa Fe station agent at Silver City, N. M., left for Deming, to which place he has been transferred. He will be succeeded in

## "Cherry-Blossom."

THE JAPANESE GIVE GOOD EXAMPLE.

It is a proverb of Cherry Blossom Land that a healthy stomach is the basis of all strength. Good nature is also recognized as of great importance. The Japanese as a people are remarkable for their health, endurance, patience and skill.

The cherry tree is the most highly prized of all in Japan. It not only gives forth a beautiful blossom but the wild cherry tree furnishes a bark which is most highly prized in medicine.

### Wild Cherry (Prunus Virginiana).

The UNITED STATES DISPENSARY, which is an authority on medicines, says of this Black Cherrybark: "Uniting with a tonic power the property of calming irritation and diminishing nervous excitability. Adapted to the treatment of diseases in which there is debility of the stomach or of the system." Another authority, KING'S AMERICAN DISPENSARY says, "it gives tone and strength to the system, useful in fever, cough, and found excellent in consumption." This ingredient is only one of several very important in Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery. This is a remedy which has enjoyed the public approval for nearly forty years, nothing new or untried about it, has cured thousands of people of those chronic, weakening diseases which are accompanied by a cough, such as bronchitis and incipient consumption. More than that, by reason of the other ingredients, Bloodroot, Mandrake, Golden Seal, and Queen's root, all of the medicinal virtues of which are scientifically extracted and combined in Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery, remarkable cures of dyspepsia and stomach disorders have been accomplished.

Nearly forty years ago, Dr. Pierce discovered that chemically pure glycerine of proper strength is a better solvent and preservative of the active medicinal principles residing in most of our indigenous or native medicines than is alcohol. As its use is entirely unquestionable, while alcohol is well known when used even in small portions, for a protracted period, to do lasting injury to the human system, especially in the case of delicate women and children, he decided to use chemically pure glycerine instead of the usually employed alcohol in the preparation of his medicines. He found that the glycerine, besides being entirely harmless, possesses intrinsic medicinal properties of great value. Its nutritive properties, Dr. Pierce believes, far surpass those of cod liver oil, entitling it to favorable consideration in all cases of incipient consumption and other wasting diseases. It is an invigorating, tonic alternative and owes its virtues to Nature's vegetable garden. Dr. Pierce is the scientific

**Nature's Garden.** denier who combine the plants given us by Nature to cure our diseases. This preparation is of pleasant taste, agrees perfectly with rebellious and sensitive stomachs, and is extremely effective in restoring tone and vigor to the entire system. It cures inflammatory troubles of the stomach as well as indigestion and dyspepsia arising from weak stomach. One reason why it restores the health of run-down, pale and emaciated people is because it first throws out the poisons from the blood through the liver and kidneys. It then begins its reconstructive work in building up flesh by first making good, rich, red blood.

The "Golden Medical Discovery" is made in a large laboratory, thoroughly equipped with every scientific appliance, at Buffalo, N. Y. Qualified chemists are in charge of the laboratory, with nearly a score of skilled physicians and surgeons employed to scrutinize, determine and prescribe these remedies and other means of cure as seem best suited to many thousands of cases of chronic diseases which come before them for treatment each year. It costs you nothing to write to Dr. R. V. Pierce, the head of this institution, at Buffalo, N. Y., and get an accurate medical opinion in your special case and wholly without charge.

Silver City by Joseph Vencil, present agent at San Marcial.

John Price, an inspector of stationary engines, arrived here from Raton last evening.

Brakeman W. H. Shaffer is for the time being a member of Conductor A. H. West's crew.

Conductor L. D. Leeper has been called to Albuquerque by the serious illness of his wife. Conductor A. F. Youngston has charge of his car.

Word has been received that the Santa Fe has decided to build a new depot and instead of giving Great Bend, Kan., a \$15,000 structure, will put at least \$30,000 in the building and half as much more in changing the yards.

Mrs. T. J. Scott, who with her husband, has charge of the telegraph station on the Santa Fe at Bernalillo, New Mexico, arrived in Trinidad to accompany home her daughter, Miss Jeanette Scott, who has been a student at St. Joseph's academy in Trinidad.

Payson Ripley, nephew of the president of the Santa Fe railroad, who has been trainmaster of the Panhandle division of the Santa Fe, with headquarters in Wellington, Kansas, has been transferred to Newton. He will replace Trainmaster Ashcroft, who goes to Vaughn.

Sidney Paul and his wife have taken a suite of rooms at the Goebel Hotel. They came from Las Vegas. Mr. Paul is an engineer and has been running on the run in charge of a train placed from Belen to Vaughn. They are pleasant people and we extend a welcome to them to our city.—Belen Tribune.

## RATON GUN CLUB PLANS SHOOTING TOURNAMENT

Considerable interest is being taken in the three days' shooting tournament which the Raton Gun club will hold April 19-21. Shooters from all parts of the southwest are expected to take part. H. B. Hubbard and probably several other Las Vegas shots will take part in the match. Forty barrels of clay birds and 1,000 live pigeons have been ordered for the shooting.

Following are the committee that will have charge of the various departments of the tournament:

Grounds and birds—C. M. Bayne, A. C. Staub, T. D. Lieb, Frank Kramer. Finance—Ernest Ruth, Dr. A. R. Stelcher, L. R. Geohring, L. C. White, C. M. Bayne, C. A. Nyhus.

Reception and entertainment—Dr. W. S. Connett, E. G. Twitty, Dr. A. R. Stelcher.

A. L. Hobbs will be in charge of the bureau of information, and any shooter desiring information about tournament will get it by writing to him. The events will be carried on the percentage basis.

### Best Treatment For Colds.

"Most ordinary colds will yield to the simplest treatment," says the Chicago Tribune, "moderate laxatives, hot foot baths, a free perspiration and an avoidance of exposure to cold and wet after treatment." While this treatment is simple, it requires considerable trouble, and the one adopting it must remain in doors for a day or two, or a fresh cold is almost sure to be contracted, and in many instances pneumonia follows. Is it not better to pin your faith to an old, reliable preparation like Chamberlain's Cough Remedy, that is famous for its cures of colds and can always be depended upon? For sale by all dealers.

James Wilkinson, of the Albuquerque wool scouring mills, returned from a two months' visit to his old home in Dover, New Hampshire.

### 14 of Pound a Week

at least, is what a young baby ought to gain in weight. Does yours? If not there's something wrong with his digestion. Give it McGee's Baby Elixir and it will begin gaining at once. Cures stomach and bowel troubles, aids digestion, stops fretfulness, good for teething babies.

Price 25c and 50c. Center Block Depot Drug Co.

## Syrup of Figs and Elixir of Senna

Cleanses the System Effectually. Dispels colds and Headaches due to Constipation. Acts naturally, acts truly as a Laxative.

Best for Men, Women and Children—Young and Old.

To get its beneficial effects, always buy the Genuine, manufactured by the

**CALIFORNIA FIG SYRUP CO.**

SOLD BY ALL LEADING DRUGGISTS one size only, regular price 50¢ per bottle.

Land buyers are going into San Juan county on every train and it is only a matter of a short time until that will be the most densely populated county in the territory.

### Swept Over Niagara.

This terrible calamity often happens because a careless boatman ignores the river's warnings—growing ripples and faster current—Nature's warnings are kind. That dull pain or ache in the back warns you the kidneys need attention if you would escape fatal maladies—Dropsy, Diabetes or Bright's Disease. Take Electric Bitters at once and see Backache fly and all your best feelings return. "After long suffering from weak kidneys and lame back, one \$1.00 bottle wholly cured me," writes J. R. Blankenship, of Belk, Tenn. Only \$1.00 at all druggists.

R. H. Hawkins, manager of the Albuquerque Postal telegraph office, left for Las Cruces, where he has been summoned on court business.

During the spring every one would be benefited by taking Foley's Kidney Remedy. It furnishes a needed tonic to the kidneys after the extra strain of winter, and it purifies the blood by stimulating the kidneys, and causing them to eliminate the impurities from it. Foley's Kidney Remedy imparts new life and vigor. Pleasant to take. O. G. Schaefer and Red Cross Co.

## VACANT TERRITORIAL LANDS IN SAN MIGUEL

The territorial commissioner of public lands advises that on March 4, 1909, the territorial lands listed below were vacant and subject to lease, all lying within San Miguel county. Leases are granted for a term of five years for grazing or agricultural purposes and upon moderate rental. Parties interested or desiring to lease can obtain blank applications, full information as to procedure, etc., by addressing Robert P. Ervlen, commissioner of public lands, Santa Fe, N. M. The following list shows all vacant school sections, San Miguel county:

- 10 North 12 East—Sec. 36
- 11 North 12 East—Sec. 16
- 11 North 14 East—Sec. 16 and 36
- 11 North 15 East—Sec. 16
- 12 North 12 East—Sec. 36
- 12 North 14 East—Sec. 16 and 36
- 12 North 17 East—Sec. 16
- 12 North 29 East—Sec. 16 and 36
- 13 North 16 East—Sec. 16
- 13 North 17 East—Sec. 36
- 13 North 22 East—Sec. 16 and 36
- 13 North 23 East—Sec. 16 and 36
- 13 North 24 East—Sec. 36
- 13 North 25 East—Sec. 16
- 14 North 16 East—Sec. 36
- 14 North 17 East—Sec. 16 and 36
- 14 North 20 East—Sec. 16
- 14 North 22 East—Sec. 16 and 36
- 14 North 24 East—Sec. 16
- 15 North 20 East—Sec. 36
- 15 North 23 East—Sec. 36
- 15 North 24 East—Sec. 36
- 16 North 13 East—Sec. 36
- 16 North 14 East—Sec. 16
- 16 North 22 East—Sec. 36
- 16 North 23 East—Sec. 16
- 17 North 22 East—Sec. 36
- 17 North 23 East—Sec. 36
- 17 North 24 East—Sec. 16 and 36
- 17 North 26 East—Sec. 16
- 18 North 24 East—Sec. 16 and 36
- 18 North 25 East—Sec. 36
- 18 North 28 East—Sec. 36

The following list shows all vacant institutional lands in San Miguel county:

- 16 North 12 East—Secs. 1, 2, 3, 10, 11, 12 and 14.
- 17 North 12 East—Secs. 22, 27, 34 and 35.

Sam Piper, formerly of Raton, arrived in Aztec with a car of household goods and horses. He bought the Branham place below that town.

## Rosenwald's

ESTABLISHED 1862

## Only This Week For Easter Shopping.

THOSE who have delayed in making preparation for the Easter costume will find in our Ready-to-Wear section helpful suggestions as to what to wear. There's a wonderfully good lot here for discriminating buyers to select from. The full costume, the separate skirt, the fancy waist, the tailormade suit, the fancy coat, the silk petticoat—all are represented here in a wide range of both style and price. We make free of charge all necessary alterations on garments worth \$5.00 or more and guarantee a perfect fit.

### Tailor Made Suits—

Absolutely correct styles, perfectly tailored and of the right cloths, \$15.00 to \$35.00

### Silk Costumes—

of Messaline, Taffeta and Foulard in the very newest styles, \$17.50 to \$37.50

### Separate Skirts—

of fine Panama, Voile and Mohair in black, white and colors, \$5.00 to \$22.50

### Waists—

of net Messaline, Taffeta, China, Linen and fine Lawns, beautiful styles, 98c to \$9.50

### Silk Petticoats—

Plain Taffeta in black and all colors and fancy Dresden silks, \$5.00 to \$15.00

### EXTRA SPECIAL.

Genuine imported all linen Hand Embroidered Handkerchiefs, none worth less than \$2.00, many styles worth \$3.00 and \$3.25

\$1.25 Each.

On Sale Tuesday and Wednesday.

### EXTRA SPECIAL.

Newest style fancy Lace Stocks, Collars and fancy Jabots, just right for Easter wear. Real values, 65c, 75c, 85c, and \$1.00

49c Each.

On Sale Tuesday and Wednesday.



### Belts, Neck Things, Parasols.

There's a world of pretty little accessories to the Easter gown, things that are small but add wonderfully to the effect.

Belts—Newest styles in the Elastic, fancy brocades, washable materials and silks in all colors with fancy buckles, 25c to \$4.00.

Neck Things—lace collars, tailormade linen stocks, fancy lace Jabots, 35c to \$2.00.

Parasols—A color to match every gown. In silks, pongees, and lineas, in the newest styles, 1.50 to \$8.00.

### \$4.00—Sailor Ties—\$3.00

One of the newest of the season's favorites in foot-wear. Patent leather, gunmetal, and Russia leather Sailors Ties, made by Chas. K. Fox & Co. About one hundred pairs of these will be on sale throughout Easter week, \$3.00 A PAIR.

## DOROTHY DAINY RIBBON SETS

It's usually hard to find both the sash and hair low widths to match in ribbon by the yard. "Dorothy Dainty" ribbon sets give you both these in exclusive patterns. They're put up in a neat box, the sash from 3 to 3 1/2 yards long and the hair bows from 36 to 40 inches in length, perfectly matched.

The quality of these is extra good.

Dorothy Dainty Sash and hair bow sets in plain and fancy ribbons, 1.85 to \$4.50 Set.

Dorothy Dainty hair bows, in plain and brocades, all colors, 35 to 60c Each.